

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, DC 20268-0001

Before Commissioners:

Ruth Y. Goldway, Chairman;  
Robert G. Taub, Vice Chairman;  
Mark Acton; and  
Nanci E. Langley

Market Dominant Product Prices  
Inbound Market Dominant Multi-Service Agreements  
with Foreign Postal Operators  
Hongkong Post – United States Postal Service  
Bilateral Agreement (MC2010-35)  
Negotiated Service Agreement

Docket No. R2013-3

ORDER APPROVING AMENDMENT TO EXISTING AGREEMENT

(Issued November 8, 2013)

The negotiated service agreement approved in this proceeding (Existing Agreement) is set to expire December 31, 2013.<sup>1</sup> The Postal Service seeks to extend the Existing Agreement pursuant to an Amendment executed by the Postal Service and Hongkong Post.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Order No. 1597, Order Approving an Additional Inbound Market Dominant Multi-Service Agreement with Foreign Postal Operators 1 Negotiated Service Agreement (with Hongkong Post) December 28, 2012.

<sup>2</sup> See Motion of the United States Postal Service for Temporary Relief and Notice of the United States Postal Service of Filing Amendment to Inbound Market Dominant Multi-Service Agreement with Foreign Postal Operators 1 Negotiated Service Agreement (with Hongkong Post), November 7, 2013, at Attachment 1 (Motion).

The Amendment extends the expiration date of the Existing Agreement until January 31, 2014. Motion at 1.

The Postal Service's intent was to file the successor agreement at least 45 days before termination of the Existing Agreement to ensure that there would be no gap in service with Hongkong Post. *Id.* See also 39 U.S.C. § 3622(d)(1)(C). However, it states that current negotiations will likely continue beyond November 15, 2013. Motion at 1. Therefore, the Postal Service requests that the Commission continue to list the Existing Agreement in the Mail Classification Schedule, according to the new expiration date set forth in the Amendment. *Id.* at 2.

The Motion is granted. The Amendment is approved and the Existing Agreement, as amended, is authorized to continue through January 31, 2014. Allowing the Existing Agreement to remain in effect is in the public interest and will not prejudice any person.

*It is ordered:*

1. The Motion for Temporary Relief, filed November 7, 2013, is granted, and the Amendment to the Existing Agreement, is approved.
2. The Existing Agreement, as amended, is authorized to continue through January 31, 2014.

By the Commission.

Ruth Ann Abrams  
Acting Secretary